

## MINUTES

### **Ashland County Forestry and Recreation Committee**

Ashland County Forestry Dept. Office  
304 West Michigan St, Butternut, WI 54514

January 6, 2016

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The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jerry Teague at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Jerry Teague, Carl Kubley, Gary Mertig, Frank Kempf and Kathy Schutte.

Others present: County Board Chair-Pete Russo, ACSA-Bill Chandler, Forest Adm.-Chris Hoffman, Assist. Forest Adm.-Matt Schultz, Forester-Jerome Wotachek, Secretary-Marion Pohl, DNR Liaison-Tom Piikkila, Jason Lawver and Tom Zakovec.

The minutes of the December 2, 2015 meeting were approved with a motion by Carl Kubley, seconded by Kathy Schutte.

Jason Lawver, of the Mellen Youth Athletic Association, came to the meeting to request funding for building repairs and ballfield improvements at the Little League field. The project will cost \$4,000. Jason is asking for \$2,000. After some discussion, a motion by Frank Kempf, second by Kathy Schutte to give the MYAA \$2,000 for their repair/improvement project. The money will come from the 2016 Recreation budget. Roll call vote, all Committee members voted yes. Motion carried. Frank asked Jason to give the Committee an update of the completed project. Jason said he will do that.

Snowmobile trail business - Bill reported he is working on a trail re-location south of Butternut, and it is going good. Bill said there other trail re-locations in northern Ashland County he is working on also.

Recreation Officer's report - Chris gave Jim Clapero's report as Jim is sick. In the report, Jim said December was a slow month due to the lack of snow. Jim said he will be focusing on areas of concern regarding ATV's.

DNR Liaison's report - Tom P. reported that DNR Foresters from Park Falls have been helping on a timber sale in the Town of Agenda.

Forest Adm.'s report - Chris H. reported that the Town of Jacobs expressed concern about loggers decking wood on town roads. Chris said he made a permit to add to the timber sale contract if the timber sale is next to a town road. Frank K asked why not add the permit to every contract? Frank said then everyone would know what needs to be done. Chris said that he, himself would get the permit signed by the town chairperson(s). Chris said the permit would only be for sales that are next to a town road. The permit would be signed before the timber sales are bid on. Chris showed the Committee the permit he had drafted.

Chris reported that the timber sale revenue for 2015 is \$807,318.

Logging activity has picked up.

Other business - Frank K. said Forest Service people were supposed to get back to him with information about the towns taking care of the maintenance of campgrounds, and has heard nothing so far. Frank said he will call them. Kathy S. said she has heard nothing also. Kathy also said she had several people contact her about taking care of the campgrounds.

Kathy reported that a 3rd mural out of six is completed for Marengo. The mural will be installed May 28, 2016.

The vouchers were approved and signed with a motion by Gary Mertig, second by Frank Kempf. Motion carried.

The next Forestry and Recreation Committee meeting will be Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 9:00 a.m., Forestry Dept. Office, Butternut, WI.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Kathy Schutte, second by Gary Mertig. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Submitted by  
Marion Pohl